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This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION X DIVISIONAL
 CONTINUATION-IN-PART application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of
pending prior application Serial No. 09/989,914 filed on November 21,
2001 of

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TONER BOTTLE AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS USING THE SAME
Title of Invention

1. X Specification - 56 pages
2. X The prior application is assigned of record to Ricoh Company, Ltd., 3-6, Nakamagome 1-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, Japan.
3. A verified statement to establish small entity status under
 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
 is enclosed.
 was filed in the prior application and such status is
 still proper and desired.
4. X The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT

	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE				FEE	
				SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	
Total Claims	26-20		6	X	\$9	\$18	=	\$	\$108
Independent Claims	10-3		7	X	\$42	\$84	=	\$	\$588
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	\$140 \$280 = \$				\$0	
*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2				BASIC FEE				\$375.00	\$750.00
				TOTAL FEE				\$1,446.00	

5. A check in the amount of \$1,446.00 is enclosed.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

7. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

8. Cancel claims 1-29.

9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

A copy of the application as amended by the preliminary amendment, which is believed to be in compliance with the Patent Office's electronic filing system requirements, is enclosed, and applicant hereby requests publication of the subject application based upon the copy of the amended application.

11. 23 Sheet(s) of informal formal drawing(s) is/are enclosed.

12. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d), of the following foreign application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy</u>
2000-358555	Japan	November 24, 2000	Submitted in Serial No. 09/989,914
2001-355199	Japan	November 20, 2001	Submitted in Serial No. 09/989,914

13. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), of the following United States provisional application(s):

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14. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120, of the following United States Application(s), or Section 365 of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States:

<u>Appl. Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
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15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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(a) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

(b) Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

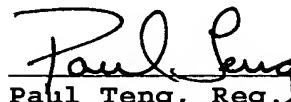
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I hereby certify that this divisional application of Tetsuya Kusano et al., filed herewith, including a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/989,914 [including 56-page specification and 23 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1A-33)], a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in Serial No. 09/989,914, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449), Transmittal Letter in triplicate, a check in the amount of \$1,446.00, and return postcard, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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